

to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA87-43-000]

Leo Helzel; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 18, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Leo Helzel (First Seller), filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy act of 1978 (NGPA), requesting 1) an extension of 90 days to allow First Seller and Williams Natural Gas Company (Pipeline) to resolve any dispute as to the proper amount of the refund liability of first Seller for the Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursements set forth in the Statement of Refunds Due (SRD) addressed to Benson Mineral Group, Inc. (BMG), the operator, or to submit such dispute to FERC for resolution if the parties cannot resolve it within such time, and 2) in order to stop the accrual of interest pending resolution of disputes and legal issues, grant an adjustment to its procedures to allow First Seller to place into escrow not only any disputed amount of the refund amount calculated by Pipeline but also principal and interest on amounts attributable to production prior to October 4, 1983, and interest on all other amounts claimed to be due under the SRD.

The procedures applicable to the conduct of this adjustment proceeding are in subpart K of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said

petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-31-000]

Kaiser-Francis Oil Company; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 18, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Kaiser-Francis Oil Company (Kaiser-Francis) filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),¹ requesting adjustment relief from refund procedures, as required by the Commission's September 10, 1997 order in Docket Nos. GP97-3-000, GP97-4-000, GP97-5-000, and RP97-369-000,² concerning Northern Natural Gas Company. Kaiser-Francis' petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission's September 10 order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals³ directed first sellers under the NGPA to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. The Commission's September 10 order also provided that first sellers could, with the Commission's prior approval, amortize their Kansas ad valorem tax

¹ 15 U.S.C. 3142(c) (1982).

² See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying reh'g issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

³ *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997). (Public Service).

refunds over a 5-year period, although interest would continue to accrue on any outstanding balance.

Kaiser-Francis requests that the Commission: (1) grant an adjustment to its procedures to allow Kaiser-Francis to defer payment of principal and interest attributable to royalties for one year until March 9, 1999; and (2) grant an adjustment to the Commission's procedures to allow Kaiser-Francis to place into an escrow account in a federally-insured financial institution: (i) amounts attributable to royalty refunds which have not been collected from the royalty owner (principal and interest), (ii) principal and interest on amounts attributable to production prior to October 4, 1983; (iii) interest on royalty amounts which have been recovered from the royalty owners (the principal of which was refunded); and (iv) interest on the total amount of refunds allegedly due (excluding royalties, disputed amounts, and pre-October 4th production).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-38-000]

John W. LeBosquet; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 18, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, John W. LeBosquet (LeBosquet), and other working interest owners for whom LeBosquet operated, (Dorchester) filed a